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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 02307E-088610US  
DHHS Ref. No.: E-003-99/0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Zuker *et al.*

Application No.: 09/361,652

Filed: July 27, 1999

For: **NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A  
G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR  
INVOLVED IN SENSORY TRANSDUCTION**

Examiner: Brannock, Michael

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AMENDMENT

Art Unit 1646  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the second, non-final Office Action mailed January 3, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the period of response for two months, from April 3, 2001, to June 3, 2001, is enclosed (in triplicate). Please amend the application as follows:

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